

men intent on distributing illegal narcotics are now off our streets. I would also like to recognize Ms. Rosemary Clark of Willingboro, NJ for providing compassion, strength, and support as a foster parent to two children who were witnesses in a case against their own father.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking these individuals for their assistance to law enforcement in Burlington County, NJ. I am proud to represent such exemplary citizens, and I hope others follow their example by helping those in need.

PASSING OF JIM BOREN

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, for any politician interested in a word of wisdom on how to conduct themselves; Dr. James "Jim" H. Boren—father, husband, author, teacher, and philanthropist—had this advice to those in public service; "mumble when uncertain, delegate when in distress, and ponder when in command."

Madam Speaker, the state of Oklahoma lost a true public servant recently—Jim Boren, who drew attention to his political causes with excitement, determination and color, died April 24th, 2010 at the age of 84.

Jim Boren joined the Navy during WWII at the age of 17. As a midshipman on the Destroyer Escort, William C. Cole, Jim served his nation with distinction and honor; including time in the 1945 Battle of Okinawa.

After the war, Jim received his degree from the University of Texas and began his first stint as a teacher at Oxnard Union H.S. in Oxnard, California. During that time, Jim earned a Master's degree at Cal State at Long Beach and a Master's at the University of Southern California. Eventually, Jim would return to the University of Texas to earn his PhD.

Later in life, Jim Boren would become the campaign manager, and eventually the chief of staff, for Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas. During his time with Senator Yarborough, Jim worked side-by-side with him on legislation such as the National Defense Education Act, Cold War GI Bill, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Padre Island National Seashore, and the Mental Health Bill.

After working in the U.S. Senate, Jim Boren received a State Department appointment in 1960 to serve in an official capacity in South America under the Kennedy Administration, eventually obtaining the position of Deputy Director of the Economic Mission in Peru. After leaving government work, Jim began to teach again and write from his position as scholar-in-residence at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK.

Jim possessed his own original brand of political satire, authoring literature in that genre, not the least of which is exemplified by a pair of books entitled "When in Doubt, Mumble: A Bureaucrat's Handbook" and, "How to be a Sincere Phony: A Handbook for Politicians and Bureaucrats."

Through his unique style and substance, Jim Boren had a tremendous impact on his peers and most importantly on his community.

And as a member of the United States House of Representatives, I would like to honor Dr. James "Jim" Boren for his consummate wit, humor and unyielding dedication to the American political landscape.

Additionally, I also want to take a moment to send my deep condolences to Jim's friends and family, especially his wife Norma Williams; two sons, Richard and Stan Boren; two stepsons, James and John Williams; brother, Gene Boren; sister, Marilyn Boren; and three grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 256 on H. Res. 1294, rollcall vote No. 257 on H. Res. 1328, and rollcall vote No. 258 on H. Res. 1299. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these rollcall votes.

CONGRATULATING THE SMITH-COTTON HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the Smith-Cotton High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) of Sedalia, Missouri. These outstanding young men and women recently placed first overall at the 2010 National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona, Florida.

More than 145 schools and over 4,000 cadets from across the country participated in the annual competition, and each team competed in four events: regulation, exhibition, color guard, and inspection. The cadets from Smith-Cotton High School scored exceptionally well in each, earning first place in regulation and color guard, second in exhibition, and tenth in inspection.

Since September, the Smith-Cotton JROTC has logged hundreds of hours in training and preparation. These young cadets showed an unyielding commitment to purpose, to team, and to goal, and their hard work has truly paid off. With leaders like the young men and women of this team, I am confident our future is in good hands.

Madam Speaker, the cadets of the Smith-Cotton High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps deserve recognition for their outstanding achievement, and I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in congratulating them.

COMMENDING MR. GERRY LENFEST ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a great Philadelphian and a great American, Mr. H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest, and to call out specifically his outstanding service to the nation through his unwavering support of the Library of Congress. As he marks his 80th birthday I rise in tribute to a visionary leader who has established a high bar for philanthropists and whose dedication to the nation's library, his city, state and nation are legend.

Gerry Lenfest has been Chairman of the James Madison Council, the Library's first-ever national private sector group, since 2007. He was one of the founding members of this remarkable group of philanthropists, and the Council is growing and flourishing under his leadership. The Council helps the Library add to the national collection and share its treasures with the nation and the world. Mr. Lenfest, who has a deep interest in educating today's youth, is the driving force behind the Library's top fundraising priority—to create a much-needed residential scholars center in the nation's capital. He is the lead donor, and is co-chairing the fundraising campaign to provide the emerging generation of researchers and teachers both here and abroad with inexpensive accommodations close to the unequaled reservoir of educational material in the Congress's library.

Championing the Residential Scholars Center is the latest of Gerry Lenfest's many benefactions to the nation's library. Since accepting the invitation of Librarian of Congress James H. Billington to join the Madison Council in 1990, Mr. Lenfest and his wife Marguerite have played key roles in the establishment and expansion of the National Digital Library, an authoritative, free Web site that presents 16 million unique and important primary documents of our nation's history and culture to students, teachers, researchers and casual browsers around the world. Gerry and Marguerite have also supported the Library in acquiring a number of unique, historically significant items for the national collection such as the Lafayette map collection and the 1507 Waldseemüller map, the first map of the Western Hemisphere and the first document of any kind to use the name "America." Gerry and Marguerite turn visions into reality not only through their generosity, but also through their engaging personalities.

In addition to their enthusiastic support for many varied initiatives at the Library of Congress, the Lenfests have extended their involvement and generosity to more than 168 educational, musical, conservation, health, arts and historic causes in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania, and across the nation. Gerry's philanthropic leadership and presiding skills over cultural institutions in Philadelphia, like his Chairman's role with the Library of Congress, have been major contributions to America—and reminds us of the special role that Philadelphia has played in our nation's history and culture.